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The Strange Nestling Which King Alfred Found When Out Hunting One Day with His Horses and Hounds-A Story of Yo Ancient Time.

The story here related is one familiar to English boys and girls, but it may be new to our young folks. It runs as follows: King Alfred went out to hunt one day with his horses and hounds. As he and his huntsmen were riding through a wood they heard a cry that seemed to come from a tree that grew over a rock near at hand,



A STRANGE NESTLING. So the king sent one of his men to the tree to see what made the cry. The man went to the tree and climbing up in it found a great engle's nest of sticks in the fork of the branches, and, much to his astenishment, be saw a little child lying at the bottom of the nest. It was warmly wrapped in a purple cloth, and had gold bracelets on its little arms. He took the child up gently and carried it carefully to the king, who was as much surprised as the man had been, but be sent it home to his palace with orders that it should be well taken care of. As the child had been found in a nest, it was called Nestling, and was known by that name after it had grown up to be a strong and distinguished man. No one ever found out what was his real name, or who put him in the eagle's nest when he was a baby,

A Brief Biography of Joseph Addison.

May day, 1672, saw the birth of Joseph Addison, whose memorial may be seen now at Westminster Abbey, in the Poet's Corner, where is kept alive the memory of other great names of English literature. His father was a clergyman, and the son had the advantage which a good education gives. He worked well at his books, and at 15 was able to enter at Queen's college, Oxford. He afterwards became a Demy, and subsequently a fellow of Magdalen. There his portrait still bangs in the hall, and Addison's Walk preserves the memory of his favorite resort by the shady banks of the Cherwell.

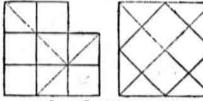
As a young man, his Latin and English poems attracted some notice, and a pension from the government of £330 a year enabled him to travel on the continent. Upon his return to England he found himself in poverty. But a change soon came. His garret up three pairs of stairs in the Haymarket was one day visited by the chancellor of the exchequer. Would Mr. Addison write a poem in honor of the Duke of Marlborough's victory at Bienheim? Mr. Addison undertook the task, and his poem was a success. Rewards now flowed in, and, encouraged by success, Addison produced other works.

In 1708 he was elected member of parliament for Malmesbury. He rose from office to office, and was in 1717 made principal sec-retary of state. But he was clearly out of place in parliament. He rose once to speak, but could not overcome his bashfulness, and ever after sat silent. Nor was he able to carry on the public business with greater skill. It is to Addison's connection with The Tatler, Spectator and Guardian, that we look for convincing proofs of his genius. And they are found in plenty. When English literature was almost unknown on the continent, Addison's writing brought him fame there. Three years before his death he married the downger Countess of Warwick; but the union is said to have been an unhappy one. He suffered much from asthma, and died at Kensington in his 48th year, on June 17, 1719. His manners were retiring, but when among a group of friends his conversational powers were of the highest.

Japanese Puzzle. The ingenious puzzle given below came

from Japan, and appeared recently in Golden Days. Take a piece of paper three inches square and divide it into nine square inches with pencil or pen, like Fig. 1. From Fig. 1 cut out one square inch from the up-FIG. 1-INGENIOUS per right hand

corner, as in Fig. 2. Then cut this figure into three pieces, and put them together so as to form a square. The dotted lines on Fig. 2 will show the cuts are to be made, and in Fig. 3 it is shown how the new square is formed.



FIGS. 2 AND 8-INGENIOUS PUZZLE. With the diagrams the solution is easy, but without them you will find, if you try it on your friends, that it is a very difficult puzzle.

How Wasps Ventilate Their Nests.

Observations made of wasp nests and the workers therein have led to the conclusion that these insects give splendid attention to ventilation. In hot weather from four to six wasps were continually stationed at the hole of egress, and, while leaving space for entrance or exit, created a steady current of fresh air by the exceedingly rapid motion of their wings. After a long course of this vigorous exercise, the ventilators were relieved by other wasps. During cool weather only two wasps at a time were usually thus engaged.

To-morrow.

Some of the best writers use both "to-mo? row is' and "to-morrow will be," but the latter is preferred. Shakespeake uses the word to-morrow 210 times, and in nearly every instance as a noun in the future tense. In "Antony and Cleopatra," iv, 2, he says "to-morrow is the day," and again in "Romeo ously, if not fa and Juliet," iv, 1, he writes, "Wednesday is Chicago News. to-morrow,"

MEN WRITTEN ABOUT

Bits of Personal Gossip Concerning Men of Newspaper Notoriety. The Duke of Oporto has been taking lessors

in photography. Hokusai, a Japanese author, has published a new novel in ninety volumes. He is evidently writing for posterity.

Dr. Metzger, who treats the monarchs of Europe with massage, was first a butcher,

then a teacher of athletics, A portrait has been painted of the baby king of Spain mounted upon a rocking horse. It shows him to be a handsome, manly looking tittle fellow.

Dr. T. Maccall, of Morecambe, England, has patented a hydrophobia virus destroyer. The instrument is in the form of a pencil, and can be attached to a key ring.

Perhaps with a view to save his voice, Mr. Gladstone has quite recently acquired a habit of speaking rapidly-very different from the mensured tones in which he used to address an audience.

B. H. Stoddard, the poet, has a lock of hair believed to have been cut from the head of Milton. It is a light brown or golden and has been successively owned by Dr. Johnson, Leigh Hunt, George H. Boker, and

The mournful information comes from Peris that M. de Brazza thinks that Mr. Stanley is wanting in prudence in his exdoretions, and that he will not succeed in his present cuterprise. He condescends to say, however, that his opinion of Mr. Stanley is a very high one,

Prince Bismarck's favorite arartments in his country palace at Friedrichsruhe are very simply furnished. In his bedroom the furniture is of pine, with no trace of covering or other ornamentation, and is not noticeably different from that found in any poor peasant's but in the neighborhood.

Lord Lonsdale, who is somewhere up in Canada, on his way overland to the Arctic sens, is keeping a diary for publication. He sends it home in sections to certain friends, who are instructed to keep it for his future use. He thus saves himself the writing of a lot of merely personal letters, and gets the manuscript of his book up at one and the

Wong Chee, a San Francisco Chinaman, purchased a drawing room ticket to Chicago effect produced is very surprising, and the a week ago. He is the first one of his na- butterflies, incessantly in motion, appear to tionality who ever committed such an extravagance. The privilege of riding in a drawing room car from San Francisco to times happens that the ball revolves in the Chicago cost him \$58 extra. His country- current and carries along the butterflies, men in California consider him daft,

Montgomery Sears, who is among the four an axis. It is unnecessary to say that the wealthiest men of Boston, was the son of a grocer who lived on half a dollar a day and slept in his store. He acquired some real estate, and when he died left his moderate fortune to his son under the care of trustees, Young Sears chafed at this, and finally succeeded in breaking his father's will. He has gone on acquiring property until his wealth is estimated at many millions.

M. Arthur Meyer, editor of Le Gaulois, Paris, is said to have declared in his youth: "I shall be a gentleman of society. I shall force my way into the most carefully guarded drawing rooms. I shall be the equal of I shall kiss the hands of duchesses. I shall be on intimate terms with the greatest houses of the Faubourg St. Germain. In a word, I shall be the Beau Brummel of the Jews." He has realized his ambition.

Some one took advantage of the eccentric acoustics of the statuary hall in the national Capitol to play a cruel joke the other day on John J. Joyce, the poet, who claims to have written one of Mrs. Wilcox's poems. Mr Joyce was standing uncovered in the middle of the hall when suddenly a voice from over the marble clock, another from the arched roof overhead, and yet another directly under his feet repeated in measured tones the first line of the disputed poem: "Laugh, and the world laughs with you." A look of great distress came over the poet's face and he trembled violently. He stood spellbound until the voices had repeated the poem the trick came from his place of concealment and explained that the ceho elfin had blown into it, and the only effect produced part in the trick.

Lafendio Hearn, who has done some of the most brilliant writing that has appeared in the American magazines for years, is one of the most extraordinary characters that American literature has ever produced. A correspondent says: I remember him well from my last visit to New Orleans, with his extraordinary little figure, his Ben Butler eye and his eccentric manner of dividing his time up in the creolo quarter of the city. If there is anything under the sun that Lafeadic Hearn has a contempt for it is what we know as style-in the social sense. In the literary sense his style is perfect. He lives at the back of a shop, in the creolo quarter of New Orleans, and he has a collection of books which would make the mouth of any true literary man water. He works when he is in the mood only; but whatever work he does must be done completely to his own satisfaction before he gives it to the public."

Speaking of the late Charles Crocker, The San Francisco Call relates that on one occasion there was a disastrous wreck out somewhere on the road in which a fireman met his death. When the representatives of the operating department came to report the matter to Mr. Crocker, he was much disturbed, and questioned very closely to find out how the accident had happened. It was explained that everything possible had been done, and that full particulars would be obtained during the day. This appeased him somewhat, and, in explanation of his anxiety, he said: "But I was thinking of this all last night and could not sleep." One of the officials told him that it was no use worrying over such things, which were happening with more or less frequency all the time. Mr. Crocker looked up and replied vehemently, "But, my God, man, one of our boy: was killed, and I could not get that out of

A Blind Professor's Helpmate. On Washington street the other day I saw Professor Crowell, of Amherst college, making his way rapidly along through a crowd, guided by the faithful hand of his wife. It was a pitiful sight when one remembers how bright his eyes used to be, and how they would sparkle with fun. It is said by one who is familiar with his family life in Amherst that he has by memory all of the classics which ho teaches. His wife reads over the lesson to him before he goes to the class room, and so perfectly does he retain what was in his mind years ago that he will remind her that at such a place he made such and such comment in a note upon a particular word in the text. He is very popular with the students. - Boston Letter.

The Dangers of Glass Blowing.

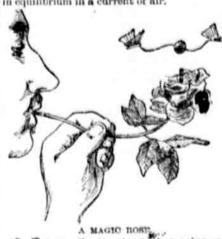
The recent death of a New York green glass blower illustrates the dangers of that unhealthful but remonerative vocation. A good green glass blower can easily command \$25 a week, but for all that very few stick to the trade long when they can possibly find other work. It is said that no one follows the pursuit for over ten years without seriously, if not fatally, injuring his health -

SCIENCE AND PROGRESS.

THINGS THAT ARE TALKED ABOUT IN THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD.

The "Magic Rose," a Charming Little Device Based Upon a Well Known Scientific Principle Very Familiar to Rifle and Pistol Marksmen.

Many of our readers know the experiment, which is familiar to rifle and pistol marks men, in which an egg shell is made to remain in equilibrium at the top of a jet of water. A very light ball of cork, or even a pellet made of bread crumbs, is capable of resting in equilibrium in a current of air.



La Nature calls attention to the magic rose, a charming little device based upon the same principle. The artificial rose, which is of paper, is traversed by a metallic tube that forms its stalk. This tube, on the one hand, extends slightly beyond the petals of the flower, and on the other is prolonged in such a way that it can be held in the mouth, the flower being at a distance of about ten inches from the eves.

If the tube be blown into regularly, and a small elder pith ball, to which two artificial butterflies are affixed by slender wires, be placed over the flower, the ball, when well centered in the current of mir, will remain suspended therein at an inch or so from the flower. As the current of air is invisible, the be engaged in rifling the flower of sweets, after the manner of living ones. It somewhich thus describe a circumference around blowing must be done with great regularity.

A Curious Experiment. The curious experiment bere illustrated was described as follows in a recent number

of Popular Science News: Take a water flask or a wide mouthed decanter or bottle, hold it in a horizontal position and place a small cork in the neck. It will then seem an easy matter to blow the cork into the bottle, but upon trial it will be found almost impossible to do so, as the harder one blows the more fercibly it is ejected out of the bottle and into the face of the experimenter.



THE BOTTLE AND THE CORN.

The explanation of this peculiar behavior throughout. Then the man who was playing of the cork is very simple. The bottle is already full of air, so that no more can be by blowing is to compress the air already inside. When the pressure is removed the air, being elastic, expands again quickly, and, in doing so, forces the cork out of the neck, apparently in a reverse direction to the current from the lungs of the experimenter. The neck of the bottle must be perfectly dry, or the cork will adhere to it and interfere with the success of the experiment.

Association for Advancement of Science. Professor Putnam, the permanent secretary of the American Association for the Ad vancement of Science, reported at its annual meeting at Cleveland, O., an excellent financial status. The permanent endowment fund exceeds \$45,000, and the liabilities are nomi-

In the chemical section Professors Maybery's and Dow's paper on the "Salt Brines in Northern Ohio" was of special interest. They found bromine and lithium in the brines from natural gas wells in quantities sufficient to indicate a commercial value for this product. In the biological section Dr. E. Lewis Sturtevant read a paper on "A Phase of Evolution." It was a study of the dandelion and of its apparent modifications under cultivation. He advanced the view that cultivation does not cause new variations, but only takes advantage of those already existing.

Professor Atwater gave one of his striking monographs on the subject of plant food, stating that it might yet be practicable to raise crops in water, the food elements being supplied thereto by the cultivator. He cited a buckwheat plant thus raised, producing about 800 perfect and 200 imperfect seeds, Professor Mendenhall was elected president

of the association.

A New Law in the Hydraulies of Rivers. Maj. Powell's letter to the New Orleans chamber of commerce, on the relief of the alluvial lands of the lower Mississippi from destructive floods, according to Science, contains the first formal announcement of a new law in the hydraulics of rivers. It is set forth in these words: "The cutting power of a stream increases rapidly with the increase of sedimentary load." This principle was briefly stated by Maj. Powell in a short oral address before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, about ten years ago, and he has indirectly referred to it two or three times since, in a word or two, in his writings; but this is the first specific statement of it that he has made, and this he considers as barely more than indicating the line of discussion which he has long intended to pursue in a volume that he proposes to write upon the subject. But the principle is stated in this paper with sufficient detail and illustration to arrest the attention of physicists and engineers and to give rise to an interesting discussion.

Two Ways of Figuring.

"Ad valorem" is Latin and means "according to the value." Ad valorem duties are duties placed at a percentage according to the value of the goods. Specific duty means they pass the examination required of male just what it says, a specific tax on certain druggies.—Chicago News.

NOTES, ITEMS, PARAGRAPHS.

A gas stove has been invented to rival the bookease folding tool. It is concealed in a bandsome colonial clock case.

Sacramento City has voted to send to Flor-14a for 5,000 wild orange trees and plant them in the streets for shade trees. The receipts of the twenty-six Paris the-

aires last year were about \$3,500,600, which was a decrease of \$300,000 from the previous year.

Minneapells has decided to build an art school. When completed it will be the finest building devoted entirely to are erected west of Chicago.

The Australians are going to start a newspaper in London for themselves. It is to be called Cable News, and to print chiefly tele graphic dispatches from the southern hem-

A lot of hitherto unpublished sermons by Luther have been discovered by Dr. Tuchakert, of Koulgsberg, in the public library of that city.

The phonograph factory is now running and turning out 100 machines a day. Two thousand orders came in two months after the back chat instrument was announced,

Of the 70,000,000 feet of lumber included in the Connecticut River Lumber company's last drive of logs, which have recently passed over Bellows falls, 7,000,000 feet stopped at Bellows falls to become paper.

An alligator at the Philadelphia "Zoo" has achieved notoriety by his feat of climbing a fence five feet high. He wou'd have made a night of it if he had not betrayed his presence by rustling in the grass.

The late Mr. Crowley, the celebrated chimpanzec, had only one bealthy lung, his heart was diseased, his liver and kidneys suffered from fatty degeneration and his brain was weak. He died from too much monkeying with a hostile climate.

A sign of the end of the London season is the appearance of the lavender girls on the streets. They are found upon nearly every street corner with baskets full of the dainty silver leaved plants in blossom,

A novelty in New York market is a sample of this year's crop of raisins received there from the Argentine Republic. This year's erop in that republic is 75,000 boxes. These raisies are earlier than the Spanish crop, and could be laid down in New York, with direct steamship connections, in June of each year.

One of the most striking costnmes worn at the Goodwood races was that of a young woman who, perhaps, wished to personate the nut brown maid. Her hat was trimmed with nuts and grapes and nut colored illusion fastened with amethyst buttons, and she wore heliotrope ribbons on her nut colored lace

The brakemen on an eastern road are congratulating themselves on the introduction of a new device for strengthening couplings. Two chains are used in connection with the regular coupling pin, so that in case of the pin's breaking the cars do not become detached, and the accidents which result from the breaking asunder of a long train of cars are thus avoided. At the camp meeting in Douglas, Mass., Utah,

the other day a man arose and said that he was a recently escaped convict from the Rhode Island state prison, that he had determined to lead a better life, and that as a beginning he should go back to the prison and serve the remainder of his term. The prison chaplain was present and heard him, and knowing something of human nature, helped the convict in his good resolution by tele phoning for officers and capturing him before he weakened. The Inya (Cal.) Independent has this item:

"Every Sunday quite a number of Indian families come to town. They have their own teams and wagons, and in each wagon will be found the women and children that can also decently clothed. Many Indians farm land on shares and are quite successful; they comfortably the country than ranny whites who wander like Arabs, without a heme or an honest calling."

According to reports in the Philadelphile papers the Adams Express company is about to introduce a novel scheme into its business the various cities in the country. All the horses belonging to the company are to be classified according to color, something that may be done very readily because of the great number of horses owned by the company, All the white and gray horses are to be kept in Philadelphia, the roan horses are to be kept in New York, and animals of other colors will be sent to various cities.

A Novelty in Advertising.

A firm of English bootmakers have hit on a novelty in the advertising line which must possess irresistible attraction for every genuine snob. They announce best boots and shoes at ready money prices made on selected lasts of the following gentlemen, perfect feet only having been chosen for the stock models." Then follows a list of the owners of these perfect feet in assorted sizes, including such a distinguished collection of eminence as the Duke of Roxburghe, the Marquis of Hamilton, Earl Cadogan, Prince Dolgourki, and many others. This arrangement has the double advantage that any one going to this establishment has a chance of being chosen as a stock model and finding his name enshitted on the roll of fame as owner of a perfect pair of feet.—Chicago Herald.

The Marquis of Mores Again.

The marquis of Mores, who sank a fortune in the attempt to bring beef from western ranches and sell it direct to consumers in the east, will reach New York in a few days. The aristocratic Von Hoffmans, into whose family the marquis married, never could look with complacency on his former busi ness, but this time he comes on a financial mission of a gigantic character. His scheme now is to get enough capital to build a railway from Thibet to Shanghai through the Tonquin country which France recently acquired. The journey between the two places now requires nearly three months, and M. de Mores claims that when his road is completed the trip can be performed in four days-Philadelphia Times,

London's Underground Railroad.

South London is to have a new underground railroad. It is being built sixty feet underground. Passengers are to reach it by hydraulic elevators to carry fifty persons at once. The tunnel is being driven by the use of a steel shield slightly larger than the iron rings of which the tunnel is to be constructed. The steel shield has a knife edge, and is driven forward at the rate of fifteen feet a day by hydraulic rams worked by hand.—Boston Transcript.

Female Druggists in Honduras.

Honduras has not much of a reputation for enterprise, but it manages to keep abreast of the times in some respects. Women in that country have just been granted the right to compound perscriptions and practice pharmacy in general with the one condition that

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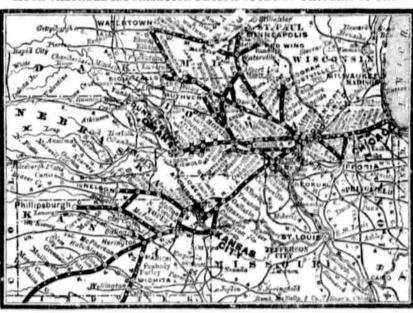
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